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## **REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 1-22 are pending, and claims 23-31 are canceled. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-22, without traverse.

Applicant requests examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed.

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